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Project OBTUSE

PURPOSE:

"To keep alive the spirit of passive resistance and hope for eventual liberation, to encourage defection and to promote friction between Albania and the Soviet orbit through the distribution of leaflets, other printed matter and small quantities of selected consumer goods delivered by the mails and by air drops."

The objective of this project is provided for by PRIORITY B, Objective 1 of the Related Mission Directive for Greece.

PRESENT STATUS:

Personnel:

Case Officer: [] []

Carrier Agent: AICOMB

Contract Agents: AIPOET*

AIBERM*

RNADUANA

AIPLEBE

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

* Have been to the U. S. in the past few months to obtain 1st
Citizenship papers.

ACTIVITY:

Leaflet Program: The acquisition of new aircraft and equipment should have enabled us to substantially increase the number of leaflets dropped into Albania in 1957. However, barring extraordinary events, this will not be possible both because of State Department Policy and also because of the belief that increased leaflet raids are interpreted by the populace as meaning the United States is preparing to liberate Albania. It is anticipated

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wind drift missions will be approved and a large supply of leaflets are on hand for use in this event.

Mail Campaign: During 1956 a "Socialist-in-Exile" mail campaign was begun and letters have been sent to Albanian Communist of a secondary levels. The fifth such mailing has just been completed. The letters are mailed from cities in Italy, the United States, Paris and Istanbul and purportedly come from Albanian "true Marxian Socialists" who disagreed with the methods used by the HOXHA-SHEHU--Soviet clique to develop socialism in Albania. The purpose of the campaign is to encourage the moderate members of the ACP to oppose the extreme members of the ACP. If our efforts to increase the authenticity and credibility of the letters is successful we intend to expand our campaign activity. In addition to letters we hope to be able to mail pamphlets to selected members of the ACP giving graphic evidence for the need for reforms within Albania.

FUNDS:

FY 1956 - ☐ ☐ (used)

FY 1957 - ☐ ☐ (☐ to date)

FY 1958 - ☐ ☐ Programmed

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